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and they have enquired into the matter and directed the institutions concerned to comply with the requirements of the University."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, what action the Government have taken in cases where they have found that the rules have been infringed by the managements? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" They have not infringed the rules framed by the Government and Government are absolutely out of court in regard to colleges which are only under the control of the University."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know, what the Government mean by political activities? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" My Friend may refer to a good dictionary."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Would the Government consider the question of revising the contributions made by the Government to these institutions and increase them? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" As I said, the contributions are regulated by certain rules in regard to aided institutions. In respect of most of the aided institutions we are contributing two-thirds of the net cost; even in the case of colleges in regard to building grants we are giving a much bigger grant. Certainly, funds permitting we shall consider the question of increase of expenditure in regard to particular colleges which require more."

Leases of vacant sites in Eluru town on the banks of the Krishna Canal.

* 117 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any short or long term leases of the vacant sites situated on the south and northern banks of the Krishna Canal abutting the Grand Trunk Road passing through the heart of the Eluru town have been granted at nominal rates and if so, to whom and at what rentals and for what purposes;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that pukka buildings of a permanent nature have been constructed over all the said sites and rented out at exhorbitantly high monthly rentals for commercial purposes;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that by free and indiscriminate grants on short or long term leases for the said commercial purposes the Grand Trunk road is narrowed down causing a lot of inconvenience, annoyance and trouble to pedestrians, and vehicular traffic, such as lorries, buses, cars, jutkas and rickshaws, etc., plying for hire on the Grand Trunk road in Eluru town; and

(*d*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of auctioning all such public sites for rent?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. Twelve plots and eleven box stalls are leased out on the left

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bank of the Krishna Canal abutting the Grand Trunk Road on a year to year basis. Four plots are leased to the Eluru Municipality and one to the Electricity Department for use as park and jutka stand and for departmental use respectively. Out of the seven plots leased to private persons, two are given at concessional rates of rent and the rest at standard rates. The names of the lessees, the rent paid by them and the purposes for which the plots are leased are given below :—

(1) Sri S. Godavaramma, Re. 1 per annum for Anjanaya Idol platform.

(2) Sri C. Seetharamaiah, Political sufferer, Rs. 4 per annum for Saraswathi Higher Elementary School.

(3) Sri B. Appa Rao, Rs. 5 per mensem for Anjaneya Idol.

(4) Sri C. Rama Mohana Rao, Ex-Military, Rs. 5 per mechanical and carpenter shop.

(5) Sri T. Janardhana Rao, Rs. 5 per mensem for a mechanical and carpenter shop.

(6) Sri V. L. Narayana Rao, Rs. 5 per mensem for opening a cycle repair and painting shop.

(7) Mr. K. J. Albert, Rs. 5 per mensem for tailoring and ready made shop.

" (*b*) No. Four out of the seven lessees have constructed buildings of semi-permanent nature and two of them have sub-let their buildings on high monthly rentals for purposes other than that for which the lease was given.

" (*c*) No.

11-45 a.m. " (*d*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what the rate of rent is, Sir? "

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The rate is given."

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Except for two cases, the rent is at standard rates for the others."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not objectionable to lease sites such as these in the manner stated as it would cause inconvenience to traffic and walkers? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government are satisfied that no inconvenience is caused either to passers by or to traffic and the Government have agreed to this concessional rates only in two cases where they considered that they deserve the concessions."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, if the rent is uniform irrespective of the importance of the locality? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, if the Government have considered the desirability of auctioning the sites instead of renting them out at various rates? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already said, Sir, that the question of auctioning the sites is under the consideration of the Government."

Alleged increase of immoral traffic in the Madras City.

* 118 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that immoral traffic in Madras is very high ;

(*b*) whether the Government intend taking steps to check this evil which is ruining the health and morality of the people of the Province ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the incidence of venereal diseases in Madras is high?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The Government are already enforcing the relevant provisions of the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930 wherever necessary ;

" (*c*) The Government have no definite information, as many venereal patients apparently go to private doctors. All that can be said is that facilities are being gradually extended for treatment of venereal diseases in Government medical institutions, and some patients get themselves treated in those institutions."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that it is on the increase in the City seeing that figures have been quoted publicly by venereal diseases experts in the City that the incidence of the diseases is higher? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The information with the Government is otherwise; if the hon. Member gives me better information, I am prepared to take it. The increase in the incidence of venereal diseases necessarily does not mean that there is more immoral traffic."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that solicitation goes on in the main streets of the City and reports have been brought to us to that effect? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I am sorry I am not aware of the solicitation that is going on in the City (laughter) but as effective measures as are possible to prevent an offence like this, are being taken."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is it in order for an Hon. Minister to say that he is not aware of what is happening in the Province? " (Laughter.)